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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Rajesh Tiwari, et al. Docket No: TI-36211
Serial No: 10/663,948 Conf. No: 3857
Examiner: Phat X. Cao Art Unit: 2814
Filed: 09/16/2003
For: DUAL DEPTH TRENCH TERMINATION METHOD FOR IMPROVING CU-BASED
INTERCONNECT INTEGRITY

ELECTION

Commissioner For Patents
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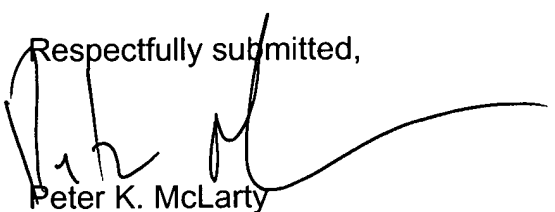

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Dear Sir:

This election is offered in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed October 12, 2004.

Applicants hereby elect to pursue Group I of Claims 1-4 and 9, drawn to a process of making a semiconductor device, without traversing the Examiner's restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,


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